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European Student Relief  
World's Student Christian Federation

Between October 1, 1920 and March 20, 1923 by the students of the following countries gifts in money, food and clothing worth the amounts set opposite each country respectively were collected and administered through the European Student Relief Fund of the World's Student Christian Federation.

	Swiss Francs		Swiss Francs
Argentina .. ..	39,659.10	Latvia .. ..	2,118.75
Australia .. ..	85,564.70	Netherlands .. ..	151,456.50
Austria .. ..	11,080.80	New Zealand ..	48,760.82
Brazil .. ..	85.10	Norway .. ..	40,635.56
British West Indies	1,302.45	Palestine .. ..	22.50
Canada .. ..	44,343.50	Portugal .. ..	1,239.85
Czechoslovakia ..	10,685.41	Poland .. ..	1,981.37
China .. ..	4,275.80	Roumania .. ..	1,744.15
Chili .. ..	2,823.20	South Africa ..	80,372.89
Denmark .. ..	4,599.10	Sweden .. ..	17,673.33
Egypt .. ..	1,636.45	Switzerland ..	50,194.70
Esthonia .. ..	1,465.60	Great Britain and	
Finland .. ..	9,674.64	Ireland .. ..	1,533,965.35
France .. ..	21,796.39	Uruguay .. ..	1,000.00
Germany .. ..	8,736.08	United States ..	2,884,081.33
Hungary .. ..	2,242.49	Proceeds from Intern.	
India and Ceylon	14,622.40	Concert Trip	2,213.35
Italy .. ..	1,545.55	Interests paid by bank	
Japan .. ..	52,981.44	on deposits	8,321.55
Jugoslavia .. ..	13,216.00	Total value of gifts	
		received	5,158,118.20

**Among seventeen countries this amount was distributed as follows:**

Asia Minor .. ..	102,944.93	Turkey .. ..	77,794.07
Austria .. ..	657,235.81	Jugoslavia .. ..	17,891.00
Bulgaria .. ..	3,455.75	For office expenses in London and Geneva there was expended during this period	232,076.31
Czechoslovakia ..	379,559.10	Rate adjustments and exchange costs required	10,912.63
Esthonia .. ..	37,713.60	Office equipment in London and Geneva is worth	6,102.17
France (refugees)	37,582.69	In London and Geneva banks in cash there are today	193,994.04
Germany .. ..	666,235.86	The total of these amounts is	5,158,118.20
Greece .. .	29,236.40		
Hungary .. ..	288,388.03		
Latvia .. ..	21,181.60		
Lithuania .. ..	3,891.95		
Poland . . .	520,799.48		
Roumania .. ..	2,137.60		
Russia .. .	1,713,612.88		
Switzerland (refugees)	155,372.30		

In addition to these funds, all of which have been administered directly through the E. S. R. International Headquarters in Geneva, another 1,725,000.00 Swiss Francs contributed by the Students of America through the American Relief Administration were used for student feeding in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Russia and the Baltic Countries through the very close co-operation which was maintained at all times between this organization and the representatives of E. S. R. during the years of 1920—1921. Added together these sums make a total of 6,883,118.20 Swiss Francs.

Almost seven million Swiss Francs — more than \$1,250,000.00 in American currency — approximately 270,000 Pounds Sterling raised in behalf of Europe's intelligentsia in less than three years; such is the record of the European Student Relief. But, in comparison with the work accomplished, these figures hardly give a hint of their own usefulness.

Since the first beginnings of relief work in 1920 the E. S. R. program has always emphasized "reduction of direct relief to the absolute minimum." Every penny of this money, therefore, has not been spent but **invested** in relief enterprises.

Hungry students are not given money wherewith to buy food in restaurants etc, but they are allowed to obtain at cost a cheap but wholesome and substantial meal in a mensa or kitchen equipped with E. S. R. funds and managed by a special board of students. The local representative of E. S. R. merely super-

vises these feeding centers and from time to time offers kindly advice concerning ways and means of improving them. In very special cases the meals so provided are given free of charge for short periods of time.

If 1,000 refugee students in Budapest, Prague, Vienna or any other university city need a "hair cut, shave and shine" money is not given outright for these luxuries. Instead, E. S. R. advances the cash for materials to build a bath room, equip a barber shop or buy supplies for making shoe repairs. Under student control these "self-help" establishments are organized and placed on a permanent foundation. Long after work ceases in the various countries they will stand as memorials to a scheme of "relief which gives without pauperizing and which helps deserving students to help themselves."

A couple of dollars, a few shillings or a small number of francs everywhere is made to go a long distance and to meet a large number of needs. Help to the student in need yes; but, where many are equally needy, another basis for relief must be found. In the administration of E. S. R. funds this criterion of judgement is the "work-student," one who is willing to educate himself if necessary by manual labor. Proven need and willingness, to work as well as a serious interest in his studies, must be shown by every applicant for relief supplies.

There are many thousands of students in Central Europe and Russia today who satisfy these requirements and who are otherwise worthy and well qualified to receive assistance whom E. S. R. cannot help because of an insufficiency of funds. This condition persons desirous of making a paying investment may assist in remedying by sending a contribution to E. S. R. through the National Student Relief organizations in their respective countries or direct to The Comptroller, European Student Relief, 16 Boulevard des Philosophes, Geneva, Switzerland.

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